

PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING  
A BRAIDED BIFURCATED STENT

ABSTRACT

5 A process for manufacturing a braided bifurcated stent involves the use of  
two or more braiding machines. In this process, a first discrete plurality of filaments are  
braided to form a first leg, and a second discrete plurality of filaments are braided to form a  
second leg. Either the same braiding machine may be used or two different braiding  
machines may be used. The process also involves braiding the first plurality of filaments and  
the second plurality of filaments together to form the body using yet another braiding  
10 machine. Either the legs or body may be braided first.